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Local Artists Respond to Arts Funding Crisis in SF Schools

Art Auction scheduled for Arts Day - October 3rd at Dolores Park Café

SAN FRANCISCO - Artists in the Making" Silent Art Auction fundraiser will be held on Friday, October 3, 2003 from 7:30-9:30 PM at the Dolores Park Café located at 501 Dolores Street (Dolores at 18th) in San Francisco. The Internet publication, Be Real Magazine (www.berealmag.com), is organizing and hosting the "Artists in the Making" event being held in conjunction with Arts Day 2003.

The event is expected to raise \$10,000 for art teachers at the Aptos, Everett, and James Lick Middle Schools to purchase art supplies. Facing restricted budgets and no funding for art supplies, these teachers require assistance from the San Francisco community to continue to offer art programs to middle school children. Twenty-two local artists have donated original artwork, photography, and prints to help these schools at their time of need.

"Watching art classroom doors close because teachers don't have basic art supplies is just heartbreaking," said Julie Russell, the event organizer and co-founder of Be Real Magazine. "I'm here to create a win-win situation. Local artists are introduced to new potential buyers, who in turn make a difference with their art purchases, and middle school kids have the art supplies they need to express their creativity. Who knows, one of these kids could be the next Marc Chagall!"

Contributing artists include Ally Moll, Amy Yvonne Yu, Angela Baker, Anita Brey, Brian McDonald, Diane Feissel, Elena Nazzaro, Karen Chew, Kristin Marr, Jo Leggett, Jonn Herschend, Lizz Decamp, Lucy Marino, Mike McConnell, Pat O'Rourke, Rhonel Roberts, Ruth Suehle, Scott Carlisle, Scott Wilber, Stefanie Reneé, Tom Fowler, and Zack Luchetti. Sponsors include the Dolores Park Café, SDC Photographic, On Time Printing, and Tommy Gallegos at Cameron-Jones Realty.

For more event information, and to preview art available for auction, please visit <http://www.berealmag.com/aitm> or call (415) 820-1451.

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